

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-12, 19, 23-25, 27, 56 and 57.

Please add new claims 60-65.

A detailed listing of all the claims that are, or were, in the application is presented below. Current amendments to the claims, including additions being shown by underlining and deletions being shown by strikethrough, are expressed in the listing.

1. (Currently Amended) A decorative floor covering comprising:

a substrate; and

a radiation cured pigmented ~~topeoat~~ wear layer disposed on the substrate, the floor covering having an exposed surface with a stain resistance of ~~about~~ less than about 150 Delta E units, wherein the ~~topeoat~~ wear layer comprises a polymeric resin binder and pigment, wherein the resin of the resin binder consists essentially of a thermoset resin selected from the group consisting of an ultraviolet light curable resin, electron beam curable resin, and a combination thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) The decorative floor covering of claim 1, wherein the radiation cured pigmented ~~topeoat~~ wear layer has a gloss retention of at least about 80%.

3. (Currently Amended) The decorative floor covering of claim 1, wherein the ~~topeoat~~ wear layer comprises a composition selected from the group consisting of an acrylated polyester, an acrylated polyurethane, and mixtures thereof.

5. (Currently Amended) The decorative floor covering of claim 1, wherein a printed pattern is interposed between the substrate and the ~~topcoat~~ wear layer.

6. (Currently Amended) The decorative floor covering of claim 5, wherein the pigmented ~~topcoat~~ wear layer is in register with the printed pattern.

7. (Original) The decorative floor covering of claim 1, wherein the substrate has a textured surface selected from the group consisting of a mechanically embossed texture, chemically embossed texture, and a chemically and mechanically embossed texture.

8. (Currently Amended) The decorative floor covering of claim 7, wherein the ~~topcoat~~ pigmented wear layer is in register with the embossed texture.

9. (Currently Amended) The decorative floor covering of claim 7, wherein the embossed texture has raised surfaces and indentations, and the pigmented ~~topcoat~~ wear layer is disposed mainly on the raised surfaces.

10. (Currently Amended) The decorative floor covering of claim 7, wherein the embossed texture has raised surfaces and indentations, and the pigmented ~~topcoat~~ wear layer is disposed mainly in the indentations.

11. (Currently Amended) The decorative floor covering of claim 1, wherein the pigment ~~topcoat~~ wear layer comprises nacreous pigments.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The decorative floor covering of claim 1, further comprising:

~~— a substrate;~~

~~— a radiation cured pigmented wear layer disposed on the substrate; and~~

a radiation cured topcoat disposed on and adjacent to the radiation cured pigmented wear layer, ~~the topcoat layer having a stain resistance of less than about 150 Delta E units, wherein the topcoat and radiation cured pigmented wear layer each~~ comprise comprises a polymeric resin binder, wherein the resin of the resin binder of the topcoat layer consists essentially of a thermoset resin selected from the group consisting of an ultraviolet light curable resin, electron beam curable resin, and a combination thereof.

13. (Original) The decorative floor covering of claim 12, wherein the radiation cured topcoat has a gloss retention of at least about 80%.

14. (Original) The decorative floor covering of claim 12, wherein the topcoat and the wear layer comprise compositions selected from the group consisting of an acrylated polyester, acrylated polyurethane, and mixtures thereof.

16. (Previously Amended) The decorative floor covering of claim 12, wherein a printed pattern is interposed between the substrate and the topcoat.

17. (Previously Amended) The decorative floor covering of claim 16, wherein the topcoat or pigmented wear layer is in register with the printed pattern.

18. (Previously Amended) The decorative floor covering of claim 12, wherein the substrate has a textured surface selected from the group consisting of mechanically embossed texture, chemically embossed texture, and chemically and mechanically embossed texture.

19. (Currently Amended) The decorative floor covering of claim 18, wherein the topcoat or pigmented wear layer is in register with the embossed texture.

20. (Previously Amended) The decorative floor covering of claim 18, wherein the embossed texture has raised surfaces and indentations, and the pigmented wear layer is disposed mainly on the raised surfaces.

21. (Previously Amended) The decorative floor covering of claim 18, wherein the embossed texture has raised surfaces and indentations, and the pigmented wear layer is disposed mainly in the indentations.

22. (Previously Amended) The decorative floor covering of claim 18, wherein the topcoat or pigmented wear layer comprises nacreous pigments.

23. (Currently Amended) The decorative floor covering of claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises a laminated film.

24. (Currently Amended) The decorative floor covering component of claim 23, wherein the substrate further comprises ~~including~~ a printed pattern disposed on the film opposite the pigmented ~~topcoat~~ wear layer.

25. (Currently Amended) The decorative floor covering component of claim 24, wherein the radiation cured pigmented ~~topcoat~~ wear layer is disposed in register with the printed pattern.

26. (Original) The surface covering of claim 12, wherein the substrate comprises a laminated film.

27. (Currently Amended) The floor covering component of claim 26, wherein the substrate further comprises ~~including~~ a printed pattern disposed on the film opposite the wear layer.

28. (Original) The floor covering component of claim 27, wherein the radiation cured pigmented wear layer is disposed in register with the printed pattern.

56. (Currently Amended) The decorative floor covering of claim 9, wherein there is substantially no pigmented ~~topcoat~~ wear layer in the indentations.

57. (Currently Amended) The decorative floor covering of claim 10, wherein there is substantially no pigmented ~~topcoat~~ wear layer on the raised surfaces.

58. (Previously Added) The decorative floor covering of claim 20, wherein there is substantially no pigmented wear layer in the indentations.

59. (Previously Added) The decorative floor covering of claim 21, wherein there is substantially no pigmented wear layer on the raised surfaces.

60. (New) The decorative floor covering of claim 12, wherein the radiation cured ~~topcoat~~ is pigmented.

61. (New) The decorative floor covering of claim 60, wherein the substrate has a textured surface selected from the group consisting of mechanically embossed texture, chemically embossed texture, and chemically and mechanically embossed texture.

62. (New) The decorative floor covering of claim 61, wherein the embossed texture has raised surfaces and indentations, and the pigmented topcoat is disposed mainly on the raised surfaces.

63. (New) The decorative floor covering of claim 62, wherein there is substantially no pigmented topcoat in the indentations.

64. (New) The decorative floor covering of claim 61, wherein the embossed texture has raised surfaces and indentations, and the pigmented topcoat is disposed mainly in the indentations.

65. (New) The decorative floor covering of claim 64, wherein there is substantially no pigmented topcoat on the raised surfaces.
